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Votruba Steps In To Guide NKU

Stepping Up And Taking Over

By Carrie E. Bauer
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Now that he has the job, Dr. James Votruba has many issues facing him, the least of which is learning the nuances of Northern Kentucky University.

"One of the challenges of this kind of role is to begin the process of getting involved and still have time to kind of have prospect on that involvement, to be able to think a little bit," he said. "I am going to spend a lot of time on campus just listening rather than talking and getting an idea from the various constituents who are a part of this campus what they believe the agenda should be."

Votruba, of Michigan State, was named the 4th President of Northern Kentucky University on Friday.

Faculty, staff and students filled Greaves Hall to learn whose hands the fate of NKU would fall into.

Votruba was among 100 applicants cut down to 3 after extensive interviewing by the Presidential Search Committee.

"I'm very pleased and I think Dr. Votruba will take us to a new level," said Jamie Ramsey, a member of the search committee.

The other two candidates were Dr. Marlene I. Strath, provost and vice president of academic affairs at the University of North Dakota; and Dr.



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HI NKU: Dr. Votruba waves to the crowd after named President of NKU.

Donald J. Mash, president of Wayne State College in Nebraska.

Receiving the position by a unanimous vote by the board, Votruba comes at a time when faculty and student morale is low, debates still abound over the football issue, and higher education is the buzz word in Frankfort.

It is these hurdles NKU is facing that Board of Regents members felt Votruba was cut out for.

Regent Alice Sparks said Votruba's vision and enthusiasm put him over the top of the other candidates.

"I liked all candidates. I really did like all three. But I did see a little

more vision in Dr. Votruba. But one of the qualities I was looking for was vision and where we need to go," said Sparks. "I think he can challenge us to look at how we're doing business and maybe doing it a little differently. I think he'll bring a lot of energy to Frankfort. And he's got a wonderful sense of humor, too."

Jim Poston was impressed with Votruba on the whole.

"It was a lot of things. It's tough to boil it down to one aspect. But I think if I was going to hang my hat on a personality trait it would be his entire personality," Poston said. "He's a very good communicator. He's a consensus builder. I think he's a person who can come in and take complex problems and every one behind him to make it

work."

Phil Taliaferro said his support for Votruba was gut feeling.

"I think it was with me more of an intuitive feeling. I just felt he would be better able to make this university what I want this university to be which is the best university in America," Taliaferro said.

Marlene Gerding, an SGA senator, is looking forward to NKU's future.

"I'm excited. I think it's going to be, obviously, a new journey. I think it's very positive for the university," Gerding said.

Rachel Votruba, a counselor at Holt High School in South Lansing, Michigan, said the direction needed

by the university sparked their interest.

"The university drew us here... because he was real interested in a metropolitan university. A university where they were kind of looking for a mission," she said. "He's been working at Michigan State in kind of changing the direction of the institution. He wanted an institution that didn't realize how great they were yet. Or how great they could be. And that was what attracted him here."

The Votruba has been married 27 years and have three children:

Emily, Chris and Elizabeth. Votruba said he will probably be full-time in August, but will be working closely with Jack Moreland and the Board of Regents from now until he takes office and assumes his presidential duties. One issue he will definitely begin right away is becoming familiar with its Governor Patton's higher education reform.

"NKU ought to be out front on this whole higher education movement," he said. "Any help I can be along the way... I am going to be there and be as helpful as I can."

Stepping Back And Watching

By Diana Schlake
Editor in Chief

Although he is losing a job he loves, Interim President Jack Moreland will not take to a rocking chair just yet. He won't elaborate on what's next, except to say that he will do anything needed to help in the transition with the new President.

"It feels good to be able to hand the reins over to someone else in an orderly fashion," Moreland said. "Of course I'll still be around for the next two to three months. We'll sort of phase into all the things that he is proposing and we'll be closing out on some of the things that we've initiated."

Votruba 'officially' becomes the fourth President of Northern Kentucky University on July 1, but until then

Moreland said he will be running the day-to-day operations of the university and working with Votruba for a smooth transition.

"I'm going to make the decisions until somebody tells me I shouldn't," he said. "Jim Poston (Chairperson of the Board of Regents) and I have had a good relationship this whole time."

I would expect that Dr. Votruba and I will talk on a regular basis from now on out so there won't be any decisions made that would be counter to what he wants and what the Board of Regents want."

Moreland intentionally stayed away from the entire presidential search and first heard Votruba publicly speak at the announcement of the president, last Friday.

"I specifically did not go to the open forums," Moreland said. "It wasn't that I wasn't supportive of the process, but it would be inappropriate, totally, for me to overshadow that."

The choice of president is a positive one for the university, Moreland said.

"Based on what he said today, all I can say is 'Right on!' I think he's on the right track and I support 1000 percent these initiatives," he said. "There wasn't anything he said that I have any reservations about or qualms about and I just feel really good about the direction this university is going to go in."

As for his future, Moreland said the only thing he is talking about is a trip. He and his family are going on a much anticipated trek through Scotland and Ireland in July.

He won't discuss his 'other' future, his next job, until after the special session of the General Assembly in May.

"It is absolutely critical to this university, and Dr. Votruba has not had enough time on task to know all the nuances of what has to be done," Moreland said. "I'm going to go in and work that just as hard as I would if I were going to be here for the next 15 years."

Having Fun For A Cause

By Carrie E. Bauer
News Editor

Faculty, staff and even our own President Moreland, surprised the audience with their unique talents at the Faculty and Staff Follies on April 6th.

The Follies, a talent show created by the Northern Kentucky University Benevolent Association, was held Sunday in Greaves Hall to raise money for employees affected by the

recent flooding.

If you missed the event, you missed probably the only chance you will get to see President Moreland telling jokes, wearing a hawaiian shirt and a donkey ass on the front of his hat.

Moreland played guitar, with Vice President Paul Gaston on piano, and Ron Ellis, university relations, on drums. Together the 'Norse Philharmonic' trio led the crowd to a sing-along of "Tiquila."

As President Emeritus Leon Boothe put it, "It's fun to see the other side of people. There's a lot of talent there. It's nice to see people perform and it benefits the university, too."

Talent displayed at the Follies ranged from singing and dancing to even a comedy routine from librarian Allen Ellis. Ellis turned stupid questions he hears at the reference desk into a "Top 9" list stand-up routine

even the other "Top 10" list comic would of been proud of.

Other Acts included Roger Billings', Chase Law School, whistling tribute to Elmo Tanner, NKU Foundation member Jim Alford's, crowd-pleasing performance of Frank Sinatra's "New York, New York," and the Cleaning Lady's, hilarious dance romp. The Cleaning Lady, otherwise known as Nancy Trimbur of university development, prompted emcee Jim Luken, Biological Sciences, to say, "That last act redefined something. I'm just not sure what it was."

All in good fun, the performers were happy to toss away their inhibitions for charity.

"It was good fun. It was for a good cause, so it was worth it," Moreland said.

Barbara Herald, of personnel services and member of the Benevolent Association said this year so many people volunteered she had to turn some would-be performers away.

Herald's husband, Bill Herald, was one of the performers from the Physical Plant who got the audience up and dancing with their version of the Village People's "YMCA."

Created in 1995, the Association's main goal is to help employees going through difficult situations, like the floods.

Contributions to the Association are voluntary. Seven faculty and staff members make up the group and are appointed by the president.

Audience members seemed pleased with the performances of this year's entertainers.

"It's great. We're enjoying it. It's hilarious," Margie Black, physical plant said.

If you are interested in donating to the Association's fund, send donations to the NKU Benevolent Association, 4199 Drive, Highland Heights, KY 41099.

Forms for requests for assistance from the association can be picked up in Personnel Services, Administrative Center, Room 708.

Meat, Bread And NKU Break Record

By Tara Studer
Staff Reporter

What do you do with 625 pounds of ham, 260 pounds of cheese, 2600 loaves of bread, 325 pounds of tomatoes, and 15 cases of lettuce? Just ask Chris Boggs, student government senator, he will tell you.

Boggs orchestrated the building of the world's longest sub sandwich using all of the above ingredients.

"It is excellent, absolutely awesome to see all of the students get together," Boggs said.

The sub was 2500 feet and seven inches, beating a university in China's previous effort by 600 feet. Northern Kentucky University will now be in the Guinness Book of World Records, if it was all done according to the rules.

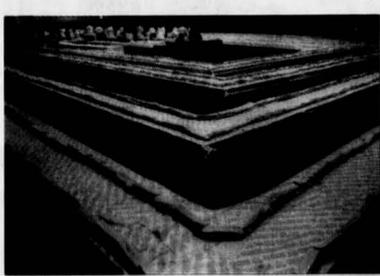
Boggs saw on CNN that a university in China built the longest sub last summer, and he thought it would be a neat thing for NKU to do. He has been working on this project since September.

The sub was spread over more than 375 tables in Regents Hall last Saturday. It was originally planned for the soccer field, but due to the rain, the event was moved inside.

There were over 200 volunteers working to get the sub done as fast as possible.

"I was the cheese man for a while," Denny Sketch, senior speech major, said. "But then the problem with cheese is that people started monopolizing it. That's what happens to small cheesemen such as myself. So I got demoted to meat detail."

The bread was placed end to end on either side of the table. Volunteers were working on both sides of the tables to put the



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LUNCH ANYONE?: The record breaking sub took little over two hours to make. Estimated time to consume a sandwich: 2 minutes, 12 seconds. The rest of the sub was packed and distributed to people in Falmouth.

sub together.

There were "bread cutters" who would pile up the bread for the "bread layers." Next came the "meat layers" connecting the bread by overlaying the meat. The cheese was placed on top of the meat, with a "tomato layer" following close behind. Then finally the lettuce was spread over, and the top piece of bread was put on.

"Even though I was working really, really, really hard I got a balloon wiener dog out of it, and it's good for the flood victims," Susan Smith, senior special education major, said. "I was a bread cutter, and the piles were as high as me. There was even an avalanche at one point. It was scary."

The construction began around 10 a.m., and was finished by 1 p.m.

"It's amazing. And it's for a great cause. It's for the Red Cross, and everybody did such a

great job," Becky Kopp, the area developer for Blimpie, said. "It's amazing how fast they built it. I was just amazed at how everybody got together and helped out. That was really neat."

There was an official measurer, and everytime he measured, a police officer followed to verify the length.

But being the longest does not mean automatic certification. There needed to be a video and still pictures. There was also a lot of paperwork to submit. Guinness will then notify the university if the sub qualified or not.

"We raised about \$500 dollars. There weren't as many people from the community as I hoped, but the students and volunteers donated, which they didn't have to do," Boggs said.

The sub was built, but it still was not time to eat. It was time to wrap the sandwiches and send them off to Falmouth. Along with the \$500, there was about

1,500 feet of sandwiches donated to the flood victims.

The rest were left for the volunteers to consume.

Along with all of the excitement from the building of the World's Largest Sub, there was free cotton candy, popcorn, coke, and even a cake walk game. There was a balloon artist, and clowns handing out toys and candy.

The dunking booth was the popular outdoor event. Many members of the mens basketball team were dunked by kids and adults alike.

The unfortunates who were in the wet-seat tanted the ball throwers, but the throwers aim were not affected. Paul Cluxton spent most of his time in the water, as did Andy Listerman.

Two local bands provided music. Grand Poobah Fun played first, and the Websters came on after the sub was built.

At functions like this, NKU school spirit really shines, everyone worked together to help people in need.

"This was a great idea, and it brought all students together. Something like this should be done every year," said Jennifer Schmidt, a junior history major.

"I think Chris Boggs came up with a great idea. And having the Websters play and everything was a great way to bring people in," said Christi Doerhoefer, sophomore accounting major.

She was one of the few who stayed until the very end.

"I would like to say thank you to all of the students, student organizations, and administrative offices for the help in making this all come together. It was really a collaboration, and it all came together great. Thank you very much," Boggs said.

Young Democrats Discuss RU 486

By Carie E. Bauer
News Editor

The Northern Kentucky Young Democrats will be holding the second forum of their Political Forum Series on Thursday, April 10. "RU 486 or Not?" will be held in Norse Commons, Room 117 at 7 p.m. Debbie Jackson, of Cincinnati Women's Services will be the guest speaker. Roger Adams, a Steely Library librarian, will be the moderator.

"This is not a partisan event," Glenn McIntyre, Young Democrats president, said. "We just want to initiate intelligent discussion on campus of important issues."

The forums consist of 10-15 minute presentations by the guest speaker, and then is open to discussion. "RU 486 or Not?" will be co-sponsored by the NKU Women's Studies Group.

RU 486, passed by the Food and Drug Administration is commonly known as the 'French abortion pill.'

The first forum of the series discussed Ebonics and was co-sponsored by the Black United Students.

The Young Democrats' next forum will be held in late April and is co-sponsored by GLOBAL. The topic is yet to be announced.

PUSH 'EM UP!



Anna Weaver/The Northern

NO ONE OWNS THESE: Lilla Losey, campus planning; Jackie Baker, bookstore; and Linda Pettyjohn, of university relations, show off their unique dancing skills at the Faculty and Staff Follies on Sunday with their rendition of "You Don't Own Me."

SGA Elections Coming Up

By Lorrie Rack
Staff Reporter

Students will determine which candidates for Northern Kentucky University's Student Government Association will be elected when they vote on April 16 and 17.

Students wishing to be candidates needed to meet all requirements for the position and turn in their election packets by April 9. There are five Executive Board members, five Judicial Council members, and 30 student senators.

Tim Yacks, SGA executive vice president and second-year law student at Chase College of Law, said he wanted to be in Student Government because, "I saw things at the university that could be improved and I wanted to have my opinions heard. Student government is a good way to get involved."

Student Senate candidates must have at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average and the signatures of 50 students. Judicial Council candidates must have at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average and 50 signatures. Executive Board candidates must have at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average and

75 signatures.

"The reason why most candidates want to be in Student Government is because they want to take part in the university," Chris Saunders, SGA president and NKU graduate student, said. "They are representing the student body and voicing their opinions."

Travis Turner, a senior communications major and SGA vice president of public relations, said SGA members have more responsibilities than people realize. "There are a great number of events we have to attend and missing more than three events can result in termination," Turner said. "Student Government plays a major role at the university."

Turner said, "The reason I wanted to be in student government was to learn how the administrative system works. To see up close and personal how issues involving things like buildings and activities were passed."

"I wanted to make sure the student body's voice was heard," Saunders said. "I like to be there to represent people and their problems."

"Northern has given me a lot and I wanted to give something back to Northern."

CLEP Offers Students A Quick Path To Gaining College Credit

By Carie E. Bauer
News Editor

For students who do not have the time, due to work or family responsibilities, to enroll in a full-course load each semester, there may be an easier answer.

The College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) is a national program where students can earn college credit through course-by-examination.

Students can earn credit for a course by taking a two-hour multiple choice test on any of the offered subjects.

Northern Kentucky University is a recognized testing center. Test administrator Martin Hills said the tests are given on the

third Friday of each month in Nunn Hall and cost \$50 per test. The Counseling and Testing Office is located in the University Center, Room 366.

Tests are offered for general and subject courses. Students can earn up to 45 credit hours using CLEP, Hills said.

Students can earn three to six credit hours per test, depending on the percentile they score in the test.

"The main thing about CLEP is you get credit through exam," Hills said. "If a student's well prepared, they can take the tests."

"Basically a passing grade of a 'C' is required. It's like taking a final exam."

Hills said that the Counseling and Testing Office sees an average of 12 students per month come through the office.

The average pass rate, Hills said, is about 60 percent. He said most students normally test out of one or two classes but some students have done more.

"We've had some unreal success stories," Hills said. "We've got students who earn up to 30 credit hours through testing."

October and March are the heaviest months of testing, Hills said, due to seniors trying to get last-minute course credit.

The CLEP program offers testing in five areas: English composition, humanities, natural science, social-sciences, history

and mathematics.

All course credits are equal to specific courses normally offered on campus. Subjects range from courses such as American History I and II to general chemistry.

NKU accepts credit in three areas: humanities, natural science, and social science history.

Alex Lubeans-Otto, a sophomore political science major, thinks the tests are a great idea, especially for non-traditional students.

"I think if you have life experience, or come from a family with an interest in academics it helps," Lubeans-Otto said.

"Instead of using time to take a lower level course, which may

be redundant, I can use that time to take other courses that I need."

Lubeans-Otto warns that testing out of classes is not like taking the ACT. She said students should assume that the tests are as hard as the classes themselves.

"You need to prepare for it. You definitely would have to overview the subject before taking the test."

Lubeans-Otto said the tests are a great idea because they save time, and help students get through school faster. She also said the tests are worth the \$50 fee per test.

"For what you get, no, it's not expensive," she said. "If you

are older than the college freshmen, and you are looking to hurry up, the tests help you to get around the corner."

For students interested in taking the tests, Hills said they must notify him at least one week before the test date. Payment is due at testing.

The CLEP credit is available in French, German and Spanish.

The Counseling and Testing Office also offers special accommodations for students with learning or physical disabilities.

If interested, students can also pick up study guides and sample questions in the Counseling and Testing Office.

There is Still Time!



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It's Not Just Mudd, It's Art

By Tara Studer
Staff Reporter

For tens of thousands of people, the "Flood of '97" was a test of willpower and of the human spirit.

Some were left without homes.

Some were temporarily evacuated, while others volunteered their time and money to help the victims.

The Mudd Club, the ceramic and sculpture art organization at Northern Kentucky University, has members in all of the above categories. The club is a non-profit organization set up for students by students.

The Mudd Club has pottery sales every semester, usually to raise money for materials and activities the university will not fund, such as guest speakers. But this semester they are donating the proceeds to flood victims in the club.

"We decided to donate the money to one of our friends who suffered in the flood," Chris Heringer, a senior fine arts major, said.

"The person we are donating to has her senior show coming up, so she is trying to get all of this artwork done, and with the flood coming into play she really is losing a lot of time," Jessica Emmerich, a junior art major, said. "It's students supporting students."

"It was a tragic loss, and we're trying to ease the pain a little bit by donating all of our proceeds to flood victims."

The pottery sale is taking place during the Rights of Spring in the University Center, April 21-25.

The Mudd Club will be selling a variety of stoneware pottery. There will be dinnerware, large bowls, teapots, coffee mugs, vases and some small sculptures, just to name a few. There will be about 40 to 50 pieces for sale with prices ranging from around \$5 to \$35.

"It's people helping people-it's part of being a friend," Heringer said.

"The Mudd Club is like a balance between our left brain and our right brain," Rosemary Brown, a senior art major, said. "It's challenging because we take a small particle and make so much out of it."

"It's called the Mudd Club because we work in mud," Emmerich said. "Clay is just another form of dirt."

"As children we used to play in the mud and now we're doing it as a profession."

"You react to the clay and it reacts to you," Brown said. "It's fragile and very strong at the same time. That's part of the beauty in it."

But it is the fragility of life and the strength of the friendships within the Mudd Club that is the real beauty.

Let's Take It Outside



LOUNGIN': Maureen Earley and Mark Haap find the sunshine and Lake Inferior more stimulating than the classroom atmosphere.

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NKU Artists Exhibit Talents In Student Art Display

By Jason Gargano
Staff Reporter

Looking for something inspiring to do on campus?

If your answer is yes, get over to the Fine Arts building immediately and check out the 1997 Student Art Show while you still can.

The show opened March 27 and will run through April 18.

Art department Chairperson Barbara Houghton said, "This year's exhibition is stronger overall than last year's, which was stronger than the previous year. The students have put pressure on each other to raise the quality of their work. This exhibition makes us swell with pride at the accom-

plishments of the students in our department."

Three awards were given for this year's show. Senior drawing major Laura Hollis won "Best of Show," junior photography major Greg Wilhelm-Olsen won "Best of 2-D," and senior ceramics major Kenneth Turner won "Best of 3-D." Each will receive a cash prize.

Laura Hollis described her piece, entitled *Sacrifice*, by saying, "It's about relationships. When two people come together you gain things, but you also lose things. When you are in a relationship you lose part of your identity, you're giving up something that person because you love them or you want them to be happy."

Two-D winner Greg Wilhelm-Olsen's piece is "untitled and for a good reason."

"I am hesitant to title a piece because I don't want to influence the viewer's perception, Wilhelm-Olsen said.

The first thing that came to mind when asked to describe his piece, Wilhelm-Olsen said, "Turmoil. Every good thing has strings attached. No matter how nice something seems, nothing is ever free."

Three-D winner Kenneth Turner's piece is called *Restraint*. Turner said, "It was taken from a series I was working on that looked at the hopes and dreams you have about someday raising a

family. There are many restraints required to be a family man. What do I have to give up to have this?"

Turner said he was pleasantly surprised to win.

"It is a nice feeling to be recognized and noticed by others for the work I have done," Turner said.

In addition to the awards already given, there will be eight scholarships awarded: six by the Schiff Family Scholarship Fund and one from the Friends of Fine Arts. Decisions on the scholarship winners will be made on March 14 by the full-time art faculty and will be chosen from the work in the exhibition.

Haughton said, "Having the show tied to the scholarships has raised the ante. The students' work is strong, and they seem to have worked hard on this exhibition."

"I feel sorry for whoever is going to pick the scholarship winners," Wilhelm-Olsen said. "They're going to have a tough job."

"It seemed like the quality of all the work was great this year. I was really impressed."

Haughton urges parents and friends to continue support of the student artists. She said, "They have come a long way on their journey and deserve all the encouragement you can give them."

Culture And Then Some...

...NKU's Music Dept. presents Christopher T. Huening's junior recital. Mr. Huening, a percussion major, will entertain you with works by: Abe, Bach, G. H. Green, Milhaud, and Tice. It all starts at 8:00 Sunday, April 13th, at Greaves Concert Hall. Admission is free...

...The Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park will conclude its 1996-97 season with "Private Lives". Noel Coward's comedy of wit and romance, April 15- May 17 in the Robert S. Marx Theatre. For ticket information call the Playhouse at 421-3888...

...The Friends of the Cincinnati Art Museum presents the Graffiti Gala on Saturday, April 19 from 9:30pm to 2:00am, on the third floor of a Cincinnati warehouse at 22 East 12th Street. Armed with free paint and brushes, everyone can help create a masterpiece on the wall-to-wall canvas. A light show and underground dance music will be in full swing to inspire. Tickets are \$20 at the door, or \$15 in advance by calling 721-5204, ext. 301...

...Attention all you would be Dr. Suesses and Dickens, Poetry enters the 21st century with a brand new Internet poetry contest at www.poetry.com. Poets, both published and unpublished, are invited to enter their prose for a chance to win more than \$48,000 in cash prizes. The deadline for the new North American Open Poetry Contest is April 30, 1997. Entry is free. Every poem entered also has a chance to be published in a deluxe, hardbound anthology.

Dishes from across the world: fifty-five countries to be exact. Stroganoffs, egg and rice rolls, salads of every sort, there was something to suit every taste and preference.

"It was the most successful dinner we've had yet," said Nino Gigneshvili the new president of the organization, the next day. "There was no food left over and everyone had a wonderful time."

If you're interested in checking out the ISU, contact the office of International Student Affairs at 572-6517 or stop by the office located in room 302 of the Administration Center.

You needn't be an international student to join; an appreciation for good food is helpful.

International Students Taste Other Cultures At Potluck

ISU annual dinner a success

By Justin Lynch
Co-Features Editor

Can you name the one thing everyone, and I mean everyone, no matter who you are, where you're from, or what you believe in, have in common?

It's a love of good food.

The proof was at the potluck; although next year the International Student Union might consider changing the name from "Potluck" to "Jackpot." That is exactly what the annual dinner was—a multi-national summit of the taste buds.

The ISU's dinner, tickets to which had been gobbled up a month in advance, is their way of show-casing the diversity in their organization. "Mainly it is to introduce others to different cultures and foods," said Grace Chimombe, the union's president and premed student from Zimbabwe.

The ISU's main function is acting as a welcoming committee for international students.

"What we do is help the (int'l) students get used to America," said co-chairperson Noritaka Kambayashi, a post-baccalaureate aviation administration major.

"First of all we pick the students up from the airport. We'll take them to the dorms and help them register; and after that we'll have an orientation and help them register for classes; take them to meet their advisor."

Kambayashi said the organization fills a gap in the widely successful exchange program that the international students greatly appreciate and need.

"The negative side is, the university doesn't have the money to

provide transport," Chimombe said.

"What happened to me was, when I came from Zimbabwe, I got my acceptance letter, saying 'fax us your arrival time, we'll try and have someone there to meet you, here's a map from the airport to the university. Taxi fare is about \$40.' That's what you get ten thousand miles away from your home. Its very, very scary."

At the time, said Chimombe, the ISU was a small and young group without the resources to help every international student.

"I was lucky to have someone from the school who was from Zimbabwe to meet me at the airport to take me to the school," Chimombe said. "The cafeteria wasn't open at the time so it would have been three days without food, but they introduced me to other students from my country who took me several places, helped me open a bank account and provided me with food."

At that time the ISU was just getting started and that's when we all got together and decided to do something about it. I think it's unacceptable to get just a letter and a map," she said.

"Because of the interest and enthusiasm students put into the ISU, it has prospered."

"We started out with a budget of \$29. Through our own fund raising efforts, it's grown to almost \$1,000," said Chimombe.

"But most importantly we've made a huge difference," said Kambayashi.

The potluck dinner is also a way of thanking all those who support them, said Chimombe. What a thank you it was to us,

"What we do is help the (int'l) students get used to America"

-Noritaka Kambayashi

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Division I... Here We Come?

Athletics enhancement fee raises questions about men's basketball team moving up

By John Kirtley
Assistant Sports Editor

The Northern Kentucky University's Board of Regents approved in January an intercollegiate athletics enhancement program, bringing NCAA Division II NKU closest to the NCAA's highest level of competition.

"I would venture to say if the right resources are there, and the right leadership is there, moving to Division I could happen."

NKU Intercollegiate Athletic Director Jane Meier said.

Meier's optimism is backed by NKU's close compliance with minimum NCAA Division I requirements. NKU dished out \$321,361 in student athlete finances last year—\$17,161 higher than the NCAA's requirement.

The intercollegiate athletics department houses six men's sports and five women's sports. Assuming NKU adds the proposed football team and the proposed women's soccer team attached to the football feasibility study, Northern would be one women's sport shy of complying with NCAA Title IX requirements of an equal number of sports for each gender.

Although NKU is close to meeting these minimum requirements, sustaining a strong athletics program financially is one of the biggest hurdles NKU would face.

"The cost is just so high," Meier said. "It doesn't have anything to do with your enrollment, it has everything to do with the amount of money you have to compete with."

The intercollegiate athletics department annual operating budget for 1995-96 was \$992,000, not including outside donations and fund raising. According to NCAA News, Division I-AA schools, the lowest Division I classification, aver-

aged a \$3,042 million operating budget last year.

Meier said for NKU to reach such an operating budget plateau, its most visible sport, men's basketball, must be budgeted \$1 million itself. Last year's intercollegiate athletics department budget allotted \$264,000 to men's basketball head coach Ken Shields' program. To even begin to shoot for the approximate 400 percent increase in his budget, Regents Hall would have to go.

"You can't have a 2,000-seat arena like Regents Hall to generate those sort of dollars," Meier said. "Your arena generates so much in

advertising and corporate sponsorships. The only question would be to have it on- or off-campus."

Alternative money makers include fund raisers and outside donations from alumni and area corporations. NKU raked in \$308,000 last year in those areas, accounting for nearly a quarter of the annual athletic budget, but the 28-year-old institution potentially has the means to generate a lot more.

"To make a jump to a Division I school first of all you have to have a bigger alumni base. That's the main thing," Keith Phillips, NKU's assistant intercollegiate athletics director of development, said.

"We're so young right now that we're not going to get a huge alumni base until after awhile. Our alumni right now are just getting to the age where they're

secure with their family, their housing and their job and they're able to give us money."

Northern also has a geographic advantage over other schools in its same situation. The University of Cincinnati and Xavier University are Division I schools heavily sponsored by Greater Cincinnati area corporations, and their support would not waiver for a Division I NKU.

"Where we are located gives us revenue opportunities with corporate sponsorships, summer camps and NCAA enhancement money," Meier said.

Phillips agrees. "We have to compete with UC and Xavier, and to do that we're going to have to compare ourselves with them to sponsors and donors," Phillips said. "We can say 'hey, we're on the same level here, we're getting the same amount of people here,' and they don't have the Division II excuse."

"They'll give us \$10,000 instead of \$5,000 and, of course, our corporate sponsorship will go up."

If NKU wants a working blueprint to go by, it should look up Interstate 75 in 1986.

Dayton's Wright State University took the Division I plunge, and it started in a relatively close spot to NKU's current situation. In 1983, WSU won the Division II men's basketball national championship.

"I personally felt Wright State was more closely aligned with Division I," WSU's 14-year Athletics Director Michael

Cusack said. "I thought we fit in because of the size of the school and the kinds of programs we offered, like a medical school."

"We had all the components other

Listerman Dunks?



Jeff McCurry
The Northerner

SLAM DUNK: Junior guard Kevin Listerman takes a dip in the dunking booth Saturday at the record-breaking submarine sandwich event. Many from the mens and womens basketball team showed up to assist the construction of the 2,500 foot sandwich, which is expected to break a Guinness Book of World Records record.

department's 1995-96 budget was \$3.3 million, said. "We tried to educate the various constituencies what Division I meant to us."

"There's no question the move has been a positive for the university." Public relations may not be the toughest part for NKU. Northern is operating under an interim presidency and the convincing may need to be done from the top down.

"I think you have to have a commitment from the institution, which means from the leadership of your institution," Meier said. "It's just a matter of a commitment to move in that direction."

Interim President Jack Moreland said adding a football program will increase visibility of the university, but the seeds may be planted for a possibly greater undertaking.

"Is a Division I NKU possible?" Meier said. "I think anything is possible."

Division I schools had."

The NCAA also requires Division I schools to play all but four games against other Division I schools and one-third of those contests must be at home—a challenge for WSU.

"The most difficult part was developing a Division I schedule," Cusack said. "A lot of schools are locked into long-term contracts and the NCAA recently passed that one-third of your games must be at home."

"I know of two universities that played all 28 basketball games on the road just to be Division I. We didn't want that."

Selling the Division II to Division I idea was also a hurdle crossed by Cusack's regime, a final hurdle casting WSU's move as a good one.

"The major effort for us was to convince the university's community. There are a lot of smart people with opinions and questions," Cusack, whose athletics

Average Annual Total Revenue For NCAA Programs, By Division

Division	Revenue *
1-A	15,482
1-AA	4,012
1-AAA	3,042
II w/football	1,350
II w/o football	0,838

* Revenue in Millions

Softball Team Continues Slide

By Chris Cole
Assistant Sports Editor

After dropping a game to Indianapolis and splitting a double header with Indiana-Purdue/Ft. Wayne, the Northern Kentucky University softball team dropped to 17-16 last week.

The Norse had lost seven of their last nine games, and before their 11-3 win over IPFW on April 2, were outscored 20-10 in their previous six games—all losses.

In the 11-3 win over IPFW, five Norse women batted 2-for-3, including sophomore Stephanie Rowland, who also scored two runs and added two RBI.

Rowland is batting .378 this season.

The Norse play double headers against Thomas More, Mount St. Joseph, Bellarmine, Ky. Wesleyan, and Southern Indiana this week.

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Norse Lose Fourth Straight At Bellarmine

By Chris Cole
Assistant Sports Editor

The Northern Kentucky University Baseball team lost its fourth straight on Wednesday at Bellarmine University.

After rallying from a 4-2 deficit with two runs in the seventh, NKU found itself in an extra-innings struggle.

The Norse hoped to seal the win when it scored in the top of the 12th inning, but Andy Sketo ended the game with a two-run home run in the bottom of the inning.

Senior Mark Emerson, starting first baseman, went 1-for-3 in the game, hitting his second home run of the season. He also added an RBI.

Norse sign Buroker

Bluffton (Ohio) High School's Jessica Buroker, the 1996 North-west Conference Player of the Year in volleyball, has signed a letter of intent to attend Northern Kentucky University.

Buroker, a middle hitter, earned most valuable offensive player honors three straight years at Bluffton, and was named first team All-NWC her final three seasons.

She was also named third team Ohio Division III all-state as a senior, leading the Pirates to the sectional championship.

"Jessica is an outstanding addition to our program, and she is the kind of player who could step in and help us right away," NKU head coach Mary Biermann said.

NKU, 28-7 overall last season, and 14-2 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference, finished second in the GLVC Tournament last year.

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Let Your Hair Down

Start spreading the news... the faculty and staff of Northern Kentucky University have talents they don't share too often. (Sometimes, that is a good thing!) The Faculty/ Staff Follies was the outlet that enabled these and more NKU people to take off their suits, ties and dresses and let it all hang out.

From President Jack Moreland to Provost Paul Gaston to Jim Alford, the wealth of talent runs deep, a little off center, and for a few bucks, they shared it for a good cause.

Not often has the university community been afforded the pleasure of Paul Gaston's sense of humor; and the man can tickle the ivories.

And why is the head of NKU's Foundation hidden in the foundation house on John's Hill Road? He should be showcased for the whole campus to observe. He is an incredibly funny man. He belted out Frank Sinatra's New York, New York with poise and a lot of grunting and groaning, but we won't mention that. What's best about Alford is his kooky sense of humor and his hilarious dance steps to the Village People's YMCA.

Theatre Department need an adjunct professor for dance? Give Alford a try.

Ever heard that librarians are mousey and reclusive, buried in books? Not Steely reference man, Alan Ellis. His comedic monologue was, I'm sure isn't exactly the right word, but I'll surmise he could look up a more appropriate one. His "Top Nine Frequently Asked Questions" had the audience in stitches. Example... "Where can I find a list of the people in the Witness Protection Program?" Does he write his own material or do we really ask those kinds of questions?

Moreland showed the audience he can take a joke and tell a few, too. Not only that out he can play a mean bass along with Ron Ellis, director of public relations, who's drums are what legends are made of, and Paul Gaston on the piano.

The best part of the follies is the fact that they were having a ball. The stoic professors that we stare at two or three times a week trying to absorb some of their knowledge and he faculty who try to make this campus a better place to study, have a very large funny bone.

No questions about math, english or even history. While sometimes it doesn't seem that these professors and faculty are real people, lacking a sense of humor, they sure roved us wrong.

The follies are a nice way to show they can get their hair down and make a joke.

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Work Together To Build Morale

Dear Editor,

On April 1, we, the 25-year veterans of the teaching and administrative faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences, were honored for our longevity as well as our teaching, service, and leadership. We have given a substantial portion of our lives to Northern Kentucky University and represent hundreds of years of service to this university. We have been granted the opportunity to have an impact upon the education of tens of thousands of students in thousands of classes.

We have participated in the development of numerous programs and departments, the formation of college and university policies, and in the provision of university and community services.

The celebration on April 1st that we enjoyed took place under the ominous shadow of a serious breakdown of collegiate governance. We believe Northern Kentucky University is in the midst of what could well be the greatest crisis of its young life. We are deeply troubled over the irresponsible methods used to impose a football program upon Northern Kentucky University and the administration's handling of the technology fee. We are disturbed by the Interim President's refusal to accept expert and competent advice from the already-established channels such as the Faculty Senate, Athletic Council, the

Provost, the deans, and the other department chairs. This may result in a tremendous drain upon academic resources. We also are disturbed by the ascendancy of inappropriate external influences on Northern Kentucky University. We have been appalled by the poor publicity and lack of public understanding of our mission these decisions have caused. We acknowledge, notwithstanding, that many faculty, staff, and administrators worked very hard to avert this crisis, and we appreciate their efforts.

Given our distress as this crisis deepens, however, we believe that it is time for all faculty, staff, students, and administrators to return to the model of collegial governance so recently dis-

rupted. We need to guarantee the best possible education for our students, the restoration of a strong voice for faculty in academic and professional matters, and the opportunity for the university to continue its successes.

The decline in morale at Northern Kentucky University is obvious.

We would like others in the university community to join us to pursue the means to stop further decline. At the very least, we invite the Regents to consult with us about the future we have worked so hard to bring about. What specific shape further action will take will be the result of consultation with our elected representatives and campus leaders.

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What do you think about the Heaven's Gate mass suicide?

Anna Weaver/Norse Editor



"I've got my 5 ones and 4 quarters, do you?"

Nathan Jones



"It's pretty sad that the only hope these people had was a flying saucer behind comet."

Dave Davies



"People are getting crazier and crazier every day."

Heather Scott



"I think everyone has a right to believe in what they believe in."

Jason Miller



"If there are any other cult members that want a free trip to the comet, the rest of the free world would love to give them a hand."

Jeff Reynolds



"The whole thing was a big hoax, it was Greg Brady with a flashlight."

Joel Voet

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The identity of the featured celebrity is found within the answers in the puzzle. In order to take the TV Challenge, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

- ACROSS**
1. Actress in *Married... With Children* (2)
 9. Hang loosely
 10. ___ on Me; 1989 Morgan Freeman movie
 11. Star of *The Boys Are Back* (1994-95)
 12. Hayley ___ of the 1992 sitcom *Juile*
 15. Wynonna's mom
 17. High ___
 18. Initials for the star of *Mama's Family* (1983-85)
 20. ___ Life and Times; 1991 Tom Irwin drama series
 21. Sushi bar offering
 23. We ___ It Made (1983-84)
 24. Late actress Merkel
 25. Sean Lennon's mom
 26. Rosie's monogram
 29. I ___ a Dancer; '73 film about Rudolf Nureyev
 30. ___ Life on the Street; Ned Beatty series
 34. Steer clear of
 36. Tabriz resident
 38. Cover
 39. 1979-81 police sitcom
 42. The ___ Artists; 1977 Anthony Quinn film
 43. Hoss, for one
- DOWN**
1. Role on *Murphy Brown*
 2. Prefix for culture
 3. Winer abbr.
 4. Biblical pronoun
 5. Surname's continent: abc... abc...
 6. Francis or Murray
 7. "...There'll be ___ time in the old..."
 8. On the ___; fleeing
 9. Role on *Family Matters* (2)
 12. Down's portrayal (2)
 14. Series for a former *Cheers* star
 16. *Freebie - the Bean* (1980-81)
 19. Host of his own show
 20. Angela's mom on *Who's the Boss?* (1984-92)
 22. ___ Law (1986-94)
 23. ___ Ask Alice; 1972 *Andy Griffith* TV movie
 27. ___ Stewart
 28. 1965 documentary series about a late president
 30. *It's a Million*; 1952 Gary Cooper film
 31. Soften
 32. MCW
 33. ___ Down I Die; 1939 James Cagney movie
 35. *Taboyak of Alice* (1976-85)
 37. ___ My Kid; 1985 George Segal TV movie
 40. Elbow-umpers' cry
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Taurus (April 21 - May 20)
Keep those credit payments down by using cash to buy weekly essentials. An old friend shares wonderful news.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
It is always important to remember you absorb all that is around you. You should avoid reading and watching junk.

Cancer (June 21 - July 20)
The last relationship you were in may not have been the greatest. You've learned your lessons in love; now get it right.

Leo (July 21 - Aug. 21)
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Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 22)
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Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)
Be creative and put the spice back into an old relationship. A friend may have some important news concerning a marriage or birth.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 22)
Don't listen to someone who does not have your best interests in mind. You must follow your head and not your heart.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 20)
Now is the time for you to be more adventurous and live a little. Step out and experience all that life has to offer.

Capricorn (Dec. 21 - Jan. 19)
Your health is important and it may be time to check out that gym you've been thinking about. Watch your diet.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
Keep quiet until you have your facts straight. You never know when angry words might come back to haunt you.

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April 8 - Patricia Arquette, Julian Lennon
April 9 - Hugh Hefner, Michael Leacock
April 9 (cont.) - Dennis Quaid
April 10 - John Madden, Steven Seagal
April 11 - Joel Grey, Richie Sambora
April 12 - Claire Danes, Andy Garcia, David Letterman